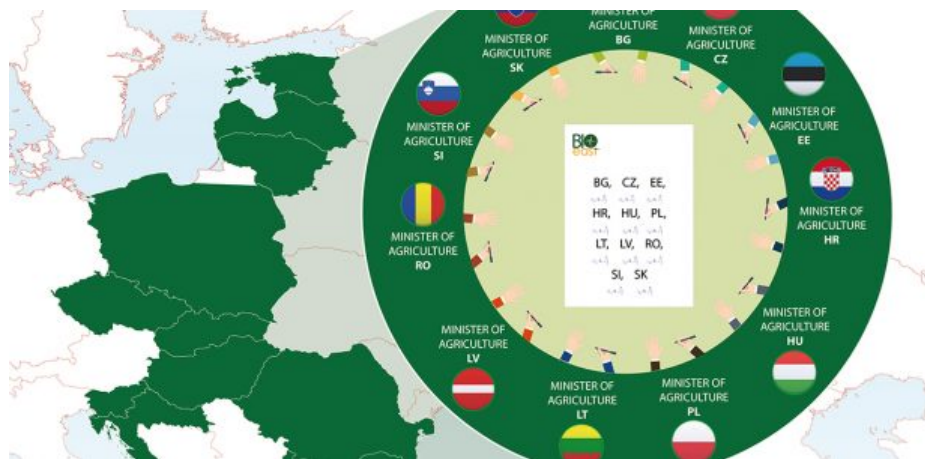


## ABOUT US

BIOEASTsUP is a project funded through the European Research and Innovation programme, Horizon 2020, and will last for the duration of three years (October 2019 to September 2022). It is a coordination and support action in response to the Call RUR-18-2019, “Support to the BIOEAST initiative: boosting knowledge and innovation-based bioeconomies”. The Central-Eastern European Initiative for Knowledge-based Agriculture, Aquaculture and Forestry in the Bioeconomy – BIOEAST – offers a shared strategic research and innovation framework, which aims at working towards sustainable bioeconomies in the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. The project consortium consists of 21 partners from 14 countries and aims to support the BIOEAST initiative and Action Plan for the transition of 11 Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries to the bioeconomy.

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## BIOEAST BOARD ACTIVITIES



## BIOECONOMY AND GREEN INVESTMENTS-A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR TACKLING THE CRISIS IN CEE COUNTRIES

**BIOEAST Board issued a position paper on the unique opportunity bioeconomy and green investments offer for structural recovery**

In the middle of *sustainable transition process* the world is facing a major crisis caused by COVID-19. The recovery after the crisis and the sustainability challenges require profound deliberation on the role of Central and Eastern European (CEE) bio-based resources, which can offer opportunities and benefits to reshape their fossil-dependent economies into sustainable and circular ones and deploy bioeconomy. In the local-global context the BIOEAST countries' bioeconomies could benefit the European self-sufficiency.

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## BIOEAST COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EU'S HORIZON EUROPE (HE) FRAMEWORK PROGRAM

Over the last two months, the BIOEAST countries have gathered their research and innovation theme suggestions on bioeconomy related issues to contribute to the two-year 2021-2022 Work Programme of the EU's Horizon Europe (HE) Framework Program.

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## BIOEASTsUP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### National platforms for bioeconomy strategy development

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The main driving force of the national platforms for bioeconomy development are the **inter-ministerial groups** (BAIMG) and the **national stakeholder** (NSG).

In eight countries (HR, CZ, EE, HU, LV, SI, PL and RO) BAIMGs are in place.

**different approaches:** in **Estonia** there will be one group only as the number of stakeholders is limited and they can be involved directly in the BAIMG and discuss on all topics; in the **Czech Republic**, a BIO Hub has been established ; in **Bulgaria**, mirror groups to the BIOEAST TWGs have been created.

BIOEAEAST **webinar series** were organised on **May 28, 2020** to explain the methodology and functions of the national platforms.

### BIOEASTSUP 3RD CONSORTIUM MEETING: OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS

On Oct 17-23, 2020 we had our 3<sup>rd</sup> consortium meeting in BIOEASTsUP project, virtually due to the COVID circumstances. We discussed the progress and achievements in the first project year and looked closely in the action plan for the next months.

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## H2020 GREEN DEAL CALL – SUMMARY OF THE VIRTUAL BROKERAGE EVENT

Horizon 2020 National Contact Points offices in Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel and Poland in partnership with the Enterprise Europe Network and the BIOEAST Initiative provided a great opportunity to get involved in the international project and cooperate in the cross-cutting Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call!

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## LAUNCHING THE BIOEAST FORESIGHT EXERCISE

In line with the implementation of the BIOEAST Vision 2030, which was endorsed in February 2018, and in the framework of the BIOEASTsUP Horizon 2020 project a macro-regional **BIOEAST Foresight Exercise** is being conducted to support the BIOEAST member states in developing their sustainable bioeconomies.

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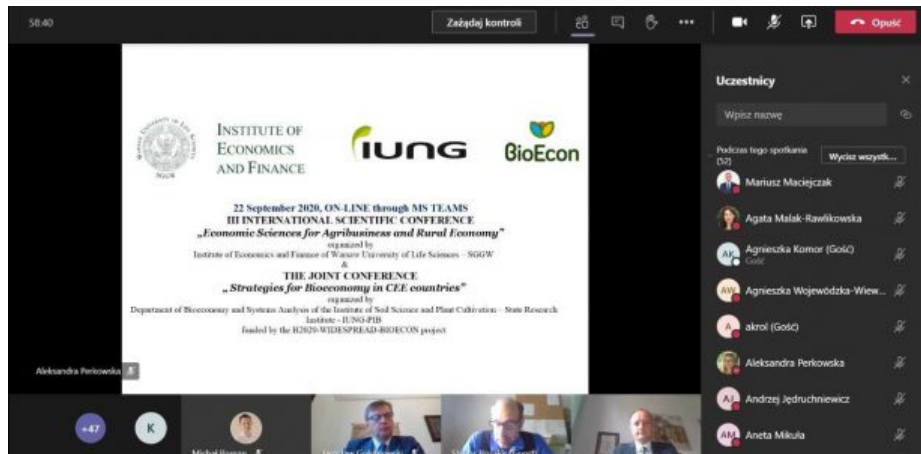
## SUCCESS STORIES RELATED TO BIOEAST INITIATIVE



## BIOEAST REPRESENTED AT THE EU RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DAYS

Barna Kovács had the honour to participate at the EU R&I Days as panelist in the Green Deal session on 22 September 2020. The discussion was about the role of bioeconomy in the EU post-COVID recovery of the European Union and its Member States in light of the EU Green Deal. The European Commission's proposed recovery instrument Next Generation EU, with a strong budget of €750 billion, will support EU Member States in their efforts to recover, repair and emerge stronger from the crisis, while accelerating the green transition.

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## III INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED BY WARSAW UNIVERSITY, WHERE BIOEAST WAS ALSO PRESENT

On September 22, III INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE-„Economic Sciences for Agribusiness and Rural Economy” was organized by the Institute of Economics and Finance of Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW). In parallel, a joint conference-„Strategies for Bioeconomy in CEE countries” was held, organized by the Department of Bioeconomy and Systems Analysis of the Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation(IUNG-PIB). The event was organized with the support of the BIOECON project. Additionally, the BIOEAST Initiative and the BIOEASTsUP project were also represented.

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## **BARNA KOVÁCS HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE BLED STRATEGIC FORUM. IT IS WORTH READING THE PUBLICATION RELATED TO THE PRESENTATION!**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Bled Strategic Forum international conference took place on 31 August 2020 in Bled, Slovenia. This year the one-day event ran under the title “Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-COVID-19 World; Neighbours – Regions – Global World: Partners or Rivals?” The conference was organised as a hybrid event, with a high-level segment taking place on-site while some discussions were held online. Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative, Barna Kovács was invited to the Plenary section which gave an insight into the EU green & circular recovery. Mr. Kovács presented in a short overview the sustainable road ahead for CCE countries and the efforts made so far in the Member States towards a sustainable bioeconomy. The publication is available.

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POSITION PAPER

### **The BIOEAST vision of agroecology**

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Received: April 3, 2020  
Revised: June 2, 2020  
Accepted: June 28, 2020



## **THE COORDINATOR OF THE AGROECOLOGY TWG OF THE BIOEAST HAS PUBLISHED A SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE**

The coordinator of the AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE YIELDS Thematic Working Group of the BIOEAST has published a scientific article in the prestigious *Landbauforschung*.

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# COMING SOON



## BIOECONOMY SUMMIT

We are pleased to announce that the BIOEAST Initiative will also be present at the next BIOECONOMY Summit.

[https://gbs2020.net/track3\\_rebootingeconomy/](https://gbs2020.net/track3_rebootingeconomy/)

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